

## How to remove the factory car radio (stereo) from a 2006 Toyota Corolla!

By Dante Cordova

Published November 10th, 2006



First off I want to thank **tomgee** for putting up [his instructions](#) on how to remove the Toyota Corolla radio. It helped me out allot! So with that being said, I took his instructions and did the radio removal myself and just took pictures along the way. I did elaborate on a few of his steps.

This How-to is based of the 2006 Toyota Corolla LE

**Step 1.** Disconnect battery lead because of air bag sensors [**Note:** you WILL lose all of your radio presets...so you might want to write them down before moving forward.]



**Step 2.** Pop off trim around shifter stick (I just lifted it up from the bottom with my finger nails)



**Step 3.** Disconnect the Aux power, (not necessary, but it gets stuff out of the way) it just pulls right off



**Step 4.** Remove center knob on the A/C panel (Just pull it straight out). Remove Phillips screw behind the knob this is the only screw that has to come out (in addition to the 4 radio screws)



**Step 5.** Pull the a/c console forward. It's a tight fit but it's only held by clips. This was the most difficult part for me because I didn't want to break anything. It eventually released after pulling with constant pressure. I found that pulling from the inside of the knob helped allot. Once the top part was off, pulling from the right edge of the console released the rest of it.



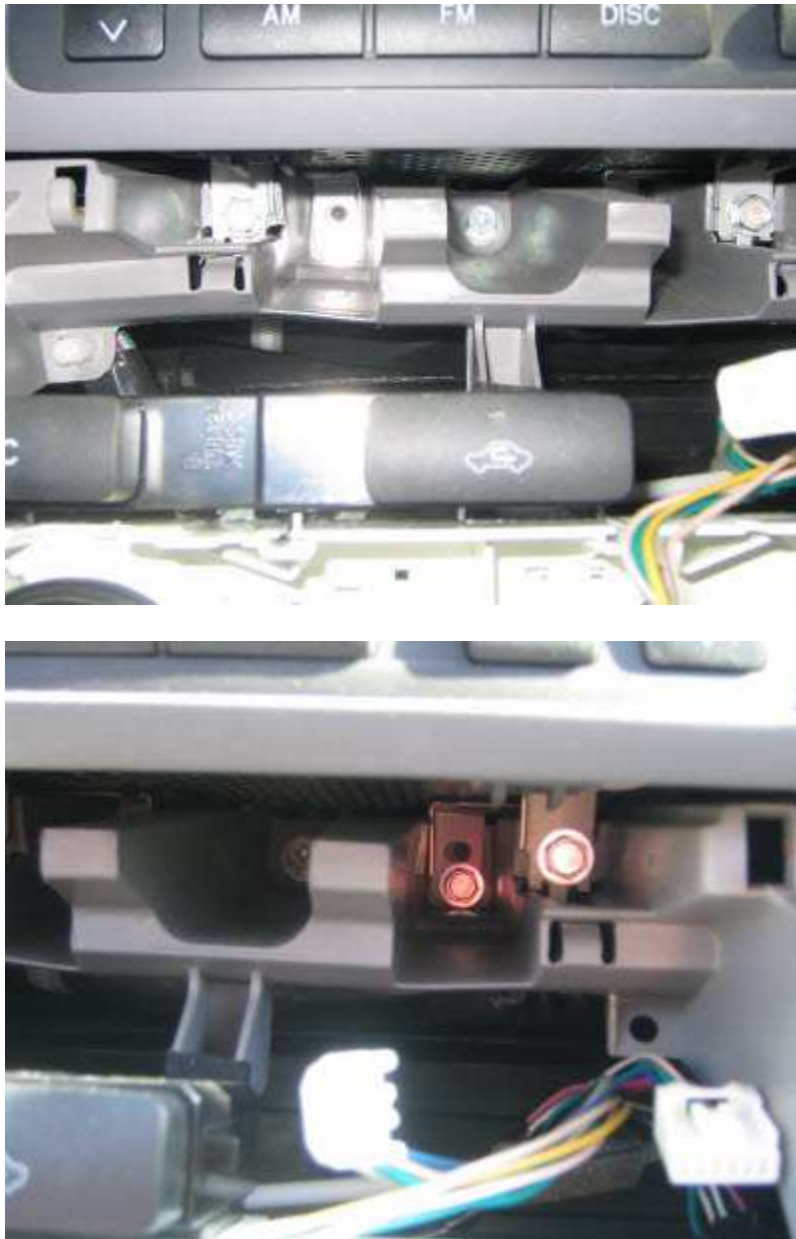
**Step 6.** Disconnect these 4 Cables. Once you have done so the whole center console comes right out (make sure that the car is in neutral or else the shifter will be in the way and you won't be able to take out the center console.) (I don't think this step is necessary but again, it gives you more room to work and the doesn't take any time at all to do so)



(What it looks like then the shifter plate and the center console are removed)



**Step 7.** Remove 4 10mm bolts at bottom of radio. I used putty on a 10mm socket to help hold the bolt from falling down into the dashboard. Lose these bolts and you'll easily add several hours to the job trying to fish them out of the dashboard.



**Step 8.** Pull the air vent assembly and the radio out just a little bit (they are attached to one another). It should just slide out. There should only be 2 cables holding it back. One is the car antenna and the other is a wire harness...disconnect them. Once they have been disconnected the air vent assembly and the radio should just slide completely out together. From here you can remove the air vent assembly; it's only secured with clips. The radio face plate came off with this piece.  
Congratulations! You just removed factory radio all by your self!



---

End Result: The reason why I wanted to remove the radio in the first place was to install an [iPod adapter \(Usa-Spec PA11TOY\)](#)

So for those that care here is how it all turned out. Notice that I ran the cable through the back of the top compartment by just drilling the right size hole.

